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FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND
THEIR USE IN TEST STRIPS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary. Additionally, please deposit any overpayments and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030 but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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